GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3115
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2006
AVAILING LTC BY PVT. AIRLINES
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAS, IPS and IFS officers can travel by private airlines while availing their LTC or attending to official work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the changed provision would affect the earnings of the public sector airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The DOPT in its letter No. 11022/3/2006-AIS-II dated 4-5-2006 has extended the provisions of DOPT's O.M. No. 31011/2/2006-Estt.(A) dated 24-4-2006 read with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's O.M. No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005 dated 24-3-2006 to the officers of the three All India Services (IAS,IPS & IFS). According to this provision these officers can now travel by private airlines while availing their LTC or attending to official work within the country subject to certain conditions given in Department of Expenditure's said O.M. which includes the basic criteria of better and more competitive prices.

(c) & (d): The changed provisions may not impact on the passenger volumes and revenue of the public sector airlines if these airlines are able to make themselves more efficient and competitive.